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At a recent meeting in Peiping, attended by CHEN Yi, Communist military leaders reached a decision to attack Choushan, Hainan and Taiwan, in that order. CHEN Yi's 3 Field Army is the main force attacking Choushan, with LIN Piao's 4 Field Army in a supporting position. A portion of the Communist Air Force will support the Choushan invasion, which will take place between the middle and the end of February 1950 for the following reasons:

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- a. On 3 January several thousands of well-equipped Communist troops of the 3 Field Army moved from Hangchow to Ningpo. Among these were the 33 Army, under CHANG Ke-hsia (張克俠), and the 27 Army, under NIEH Feng-chih (聶風治). The 33 Army may later combine with the 35 Army, commanded by WU Hua-wen and now in the Shaohsing (120-34, 30-00) area, to form the main force for the invasion of Taiwan. However, in view of their poor fighting records, WU and CHANG first will have the chance to prove themselves in the invasion of Tengpu (登步) Island.
- b. On 7 and 8 January Communist troops at Tumen (杜門), on the Fukien coast, were transferred to Ningpo by 100 motor ships*.
- c. Forty Soviet military advisers attached to the 3 Field Army traveled between Ningpo and Chuanshan Peninsula, supervising preparations**. The advisers live at 27 Huan Cheng (環城) Road, Ningpo.
- d. Thirty heavy artillery emplacements have been installed on Chuanshan and "several" on Pai Lien (白連) Island. Twenty-five anti-aircraft guns have been installed at Hsiangshan (121-51, 29-29) and Chenhai (121-42, 29-58) in addition to artillery emplacements.
- e. One hundred motor ships* and 10 steamships moved from Haimen (海門) and 89 steamships moved from Sanmen (三門) to the Ningpo area.
- f. Six reconnaissance planes, 8 bombers and 8 pursuit planes arrived***, accompanied by Soviet mechanics.

* ☐ Comment. Presumably these are junks equipped with motors.

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Comment. Presumably preparations for the Choushan invasion.

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